



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office
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A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the February 26, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

February 26, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) Update on Redevelopment of the Healthy Living Campus – BCHD presented an overview of the future redesign of its 11-acre campus (pictured below) located at 514 North Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach, to better provide health and wellness programs and services to improve the well-being of residents of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. For more information and opportunities to provide public comment, please visit BCHD's Healthy Living Campus Project [website](#).



Out of the Darkness South Bay Campus Walk and Fundraiser – in partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the South Bay Association of School Psychologists will be presenting the Out of the Darkness South Bay Campus Walk at Torrance High School (2200 W. Carson Street) on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Check-in/registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:15 a.m. Funds raised will help AFSP support those impacted by suicide, advocate for public policy and create educational programs to assist in suicide prevention. To register, donate or learn more information, please visit AFSP's [website](#).

City Manager Report – City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided updates on the following items:

- **City Council Information Items** – staff will provide Information Items as a new official communications tool to better inform, update and respond to Council on key topics and issues. Information Items will not be actionable, but Council may request an item be added to a future Council meeting agenda. Information Items will be posted on the City's website. In addition to the Infiltration Project Information Item previously provided on February 12, 2019, upcoming Information Items will include updates on a File Keepers contract amendment for the citywide document scanning project, the Fire Station remodel, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) contracts for the subsea fiber optic cable system, and plans for the visual identity and brand for the City.



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- **Infiltration Project Status Update** – since the last update to Council on February 12, 2019, staff has submitted necessary documentation required by the State Water Resources Control Board by February 28th for the infiltration project grant to mitigate pollution from regional runoff from entering Santa Monica Bay via the Herondo storm drain, including project director certification, a deviation request form and time extension request to address project siting and scope issues. Staff will return to Council in March for consideration of next steps and site alternatives, including endorsement of a letter to the Redondo Beach City Council asking for formal permission to investigate Francisca Street as a project site, as requested by Redondo Beach. The report will also provide an analysis from the City Attorney on legal and economic implications if the project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were dissolved, including any obligations to our partner agencies including the Cities of Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Torrance; and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Public Hearing: Appeal from Hope Chapel to hold Easter Sunrise Service on the Community Center East Lawn on Sunday, April 21, 2019 – Council concurred with the decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission and declined to approve Hope Chapel's appeal to hold its annual Easter Sunrise Service on the Community Center east lawn in consideration of early morning noise concerns. The service will instead be held at Pier Plaza. Council and staff advised that Hope Chapel may re-apply for fee waivers for the Pier Plaza event.

Midyear Budget Review – Fiscal Year 2018-19 – Council continued this item to a future meeting due to time constraints. Staff anticipates returning on March 12, 2019 to provide a City budget status update and present budgetary adjustments for Council approval.

Municipal Lease Policy – Council received and filed City facility leasing guidelines developed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Currently, the City leases space to eight non-profit or Hermosa Beach-based organizations (seven with a nominal rate of \$1/year or fees waived). In response to community concerns, Council articulated the need for the City to standardize leasing guidelines, provide a fair and inclusive opportunity to access City facility spaces, and optimize facility use; and affirmed that the intent is not to displace or price out organizations that use City facilities or have long-standing leasing relationships. Staff will ultimately return to Council for consideration of a City facility leasing policy after conducting further research in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission's Municipal Lease Policy Subcommittee into current site usage/demand and public facility leasing arrangements at other entities. Staff will meet with leasing organizations on an annual basis to review facility usage and lease items.

Rotary Club Lease Agreement – Council approved a retroactive one-year extension of the Rotary Club facility lease for 2521 Valley Drive through July 31, 2019 and authorized staff to negotiate an extension subject to development of a comprehensive municipal lease policy. Consideration of cost sharing for capital improvements and maintenance items including roof replacement, solar panel installation and potable water line repairs will be addressed during negotiations.

North School Memorandum of Understanding – Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Hermosa Beach City School District to resolve traffic, transportation and student drop-off/pick up issues related to the North School reconstruction project (417 25th Street). Key MOU



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provisions include retaining a transportation planner/traffic engineer, development of a Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan to be reviewed and approved by the City Council and School Board, community involvement in the development of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan, and cost sharing arrangements between the City and School District. The MOU was approved by the School Board and executed on February 27th prior to the expiration of the current City-School District "tolling agreement" on February 28th.

Wireless Communication Facilities Design Standards in the Public Right of Way – Following recent adoption of an ordinance to permit small cell wireless facilities in the public right-of-way, Council approved design standards for wireless communication equipment and cabling installed on street light, traffic and utility poles to complement the ordinance adopted in January.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2019 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE BEACH HOUSE HOTEL (1300 THE STRAND) IN THE SEASIDE BOARD ROOM. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org

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